

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Edouard Francois et al.  
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For: METHOD FOR CODING AND DECODING AN IMAGE SEQUENCE  
ENCODED WITH SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL SCALABILITY  
Examiner: Williams, Jeffery  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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**Sir:**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2011, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending September 20, 2011 has been set, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of eight hundred ten dollars (\$810.00) for the Request for Continued Examination to Deposit Account 07-0832.

No additional fee is believed due. However, please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 07-0832.

The Applicants submit that in view of the electronic filing of this response, that this response is timely.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.